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Best of Northern Thailand 14 Days 13 Nights

DAY 01 Chiang Mai Arrival / (Hotel)

00:00 After arriving at Chiang Mai Airport, you will be warmly welcomed and assisted with your transfer to the hotel. Once you have checked in, the remainder of the day is at your leisure, allowing you to relax and enjoy your stay in Chiang Mai and take this opportunity to explore the city at your own pace.

DAY 02 Chiang Mai Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Suthep Temple / Wat Chedi Luang Temple / Sankampaeng and Borsang Handicraft Village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Embark on a fascinating journey as you explore the renowned Phra That Doi Suthep temple, an integral part of Thailand's history and a cherished destination for tourists. Nestled atop Doi Suthep mountain, at an impressive elevation of 1,053 meters above sea level, this sacred temple holds profound religious and historical significance in the city of Chiang Mai. Established in the year 1383, the temple's fame extends throughout Thailand, as it is considered one of the most revered temples in the country. To reach this revered site, you'll climb nearly 300 stairs, leading you to the sanctified interior. For a more leisurely option, a funicular railway offers a comfortable and picturesque ride to the temple complex. A Chiang Saen style pagoda graces the temple grounds, enshrining Lord Buddha's relics beneath its base. The full name of this spiritual haven is "Praboromathat Doi Suthep Woravihan Temple," a name that reflects its vital role in showcasing Thai Lanna art alongside the splendor of Chiang Mai city. Aside from its religious significance, Prathat Doi Suthep captivates visitors with its striking beauty and serves as a popular destination for locals and tourists alike, drawn to pay their respects and seek moments of tranquility in its serene atmosphere. As you wander around the temple, you'll be rewarded with a breathtaking panoramic view of Chiang Mai city. The temple's elevated location provides an exceptional vantage point to admire the surrounding landscape, making it a must-visit for those seeking both spiritual enrichment and awe-inspiring vistas. In conclusion, Prathat Doi Suthep temple stands as a remarkable testament to Thailand's cultural heritage, attracting visitors from far and wide with its sacred allure and the timeless beauty of its surroundings. Whether you seek spiritual enlightenment, a glimpse into history, or simply wish to revel in the charm of Chiang Mai's vistas, this cherished temple offers an unforgettable experience for all who venture to its hallowed grounds.

Next destination is Wat Chedi Luang Worawihan, situated at the heart of Chiang Mai city. This grand and ancient temple boasts a massive pagoda that once stood even taller before a devastating earthquake in 1545 caused its upper portion to collapse. Nevertheless, the pagoda remains an impressive testament to the Lanna identity. Over the years, the temple has been restored multiple times and now spans an impressive 60 meters on each side. Known by various names such as Rajakudakan Temple and Chotikaram Temple, its construction is believed to date back to the year 1391 during the reign of King Prachao Sanmuangma, the seventh king of the Mungrai dynasty. Wat Chedi Luang Temple holds immense cultural significance and is a cherished landmark in Chiang Mai.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing your adventure, you will venture to the San Kamphaeng district, approximately 13 kilometers east of Chiang Mai city. This district is famous for its exquisite silk and cotton weaving, making it a favorite destination for tourists seeking high-quality and reasonably priced textiles to take home as souvenirs for friends and family. The district's weaving factories offer visitors a unique opportunity to witness the intricate weaving process and even witness silk production up close. In addition to silk and cotton goods, the district is also known for its skilled artisans who produce an array of handicrafts, including wood carvings, silverware, lacquerware, leather goods, pottery, and more. With numerous factories and souvenir shops, tourists are sure to find delightful treasures to commemorate their journey in Chiang Mai. After a day filled with cultural exploration and shopping, we'll retire for the night in the charming city of Chiang Mai.

DAY 03 Chiang Mai - Lampang: Thai Elephant Conservation Center / Wat Chaloe Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn / Horse Carriage Riding (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel

Set off on an enchanting journey from the lush landscapes of Chiang Mai province to the verdant surroundings of Lampang province, where an unforgettable experience awaits at the Thai Elephant Conservation Center in Ban Thung Kwian village, Wiang Tan Subdistrict, Hang Chat District. Operated under the supervision of the Forest Industry Organization, this sanctuary is dedicated to the welfare of elephants, providing them with exceptional care and medical treatment. As a visitor, you will be immersed in a world of engaging activities designed to celebrate and educate about these magnificent creatures. The center offers a unique opportunity to witness a variety of captivating elephant shows that showcase the intelligence and versatility of these gentle giants. You'll gain invaluable insights into the intricate art of elephant care and handling, learning about their daily routines and the bond between elephants and their mahouts (caretakers). One of the highlights of your visit will undoubtedly be witnessing the enchanting ritual of elephant bathing, a serene and mesmerizing sight that underscores the close relationship between elephants and water. Additionally, the center provides educational experiences where you can learn about the history and significance of elephants in Thai culture, their role in forest conservation, and the efforts being made to protect and rehabilitate them. For those who wish to delve deeper, there are opportunities to participate in hands-on activities, such as preparing elephant food and understanding their dietary needs. Whether you are a nature

enthusiast, an animal lover, or simply seeking a unique adventure, the Thai Elephant Conservation Center offers a fulfilling and memorable experience that will leave you with a profound appreciation for these majestic animals and the dedicated efforts to ensure their well-being.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continuing the expedition, head to Chae Hom District to behold the celestial beauty of "Wat Chaloem Phra Kiat Phrachomklao Rachanusorn" or "Wat Phra Bat Phu Pha Daeng." Nestled atop a mountain at nearly 1,000 meters above sea level, this sacred site offers a sense of paradise on earth. The only way to reach its pinnacle is by walking along a 1-kilometer trail that winds through the forest, sometimes involving steep ascents and stairs. Amidst this scenic journey, you can immerse yourselves in the lush abundance of nature before arriving at the mountain's zenith, adorned with numerous meticulously constructed pagodas. These pagodas stand as a testament to the devotion of monks and villagers, with years of dedicated effort culminating in their completion. From this vantage point, witness the most magnificent and breathtaking panorama of the surrounding landscapes, with sweeping views of Chae Hom District and beyond.

Immerse yourself in the charm of Lampang city by taking a delightful carriage ride along its historic roads, offering a glimpse into the authentic way of life of the local people. These carriage routes were once bustling main economic roads of Lampang, and even today, they bear traces of the city's bygone prosperity, adorned with ancient buildings that line both sides of the road, a treat for tourists to admire and appreciate. The horse carriage holds a special significance as a symbol of Lampang Province's identity. In the past, it served as the primary mode of transportation for the locals, embodying the rich heritage and traditions of the region. However, with the passage of time and advancements in transportation technology, machinery gradually replaced these beloved carriages, leading to their gradual disappearance from everyday life. Despite the changes brought by modernity, the people of Lampang have displayed remarkable dedication to conserving their heritage. Even to this day, horse carriages continue to be cherished and used as a means of transport, though primarily for tourism purposes. This enduring commitment reflects the deep-rooted cultural significance of these carriages, which now offer visitors a nostalgic and picturesque way to explore the city's historical charms. As your carriage glides through the streets of Lampang, you'll be transported to a bygone era, witnessing the fusion of old and new in this enchanting city. After a day filled with the allure of Lampang's heritage, spend the night in this captivating province, savoring the memories of your delightful carriage ride and the unique experiences it bestowed upon you.

DAY 04 Lampang - Sukhothai: Si Satchanalai Historical Park / Sukhothai Historical Park
(Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a mesmerizing journey that takes you from the tranquil charm of Lampang to the storied heart of Thailand's ancient civilization in Sukhothai Province. This route is more than a physical journey—it is a voyage into the depths of history, culture, and the enduring traditions that have shaped the nation over centuries. Begin your

adventure by traveling to the historic Si Satchanalai District, home to one of Thailand's most treasured archaeological sites. Here, you'll find the Si Satchanalai Historical Park, a site so rich in historical and cultural significance that it was designated a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1991. Spanning over 45 square kilometers, the park is a testament to the ingenuity and artistry of ancient Thai civilizations, with an astounding 215 archaeological sites that reveal evidence of prehistoric settlements and early urban development. The park's defining characteristic lies in its extensive use of laterite stone, which forms the foundation of its grand temples and monuments. Among the most celebrated structures are the five key archaeological sites, including Wat Chang Lom, a majestic temple encircled by sculpted elephant statues, and Wat Chedi Chet Thaeo, a remarkable site known for its intricately designed stupas. The Wat Nang Phaya stands out with its delicate stucco reliefs, while the Wat Suwan Khiri and Wat Phra Si Rattana Mahathat showcase the enduring spiritual and architectural brilliance of the Sukhothai era. Venture further to discover lesser-known but equally captivating sites such as Wat Suan Kaew Yai and Wat Suan Kaew Noi, nestled in serene natural settings, and the revered City Pillar Shrine, which holds immense spiritual significance for the local community. As you stroll through this ancient city, surrounded by verdant forests, you'll sense the harmony between human creativity and nature. The tranquil atmosphere, combined with the historical grandeur of the ruins, offers a truly immersive experience.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After soaking in the beauty and history of Si Satchanalai, your journey continues to the Mueang Sukhothai District, where another marvel of ancient Thailand awaits: the Sukhothai Historical Park. Covering approximately 70 square kilometers, this sprawling site served as the cradle of Thailand's first kingdom, marking its emergence as a cohesive political, cultural, and spiritual entity during the 18th to 20th Buddhist centuries (13th–15th centuries CE). Sukhothai, meaning "Dawn of Happiness," is revered as the birthplace of the Thai nation. Its designation as a UNESCO World Cultural Heritage Site in 1991 underscores its monumental role in shaping Thailand's identity. As you explore this vast historical park, you'll be struck by the unparalleled beauty of Sukhothai Buddhist sculptures, celebrated for their elegance and fluidity. These sculptures are considered the pinnacle of Thai artistic achievement, embodying a balance of spirituality and aesthetic refinement. The park's treasures include a rich array of ancient temples and structures, both within and beyond its city walls. Inside the walls, you'll encounter 26 ancient monuments, while more than 70 significant sites lie just outside. Among the must-visit locations is the iconic Wat Mahathat, the spiritual and ceremonial center of the old Sukhothai Kingdom. The temple's towering stupas and serene Buddha images reflect the sophistication of Sukhothai-era architecture. Another highlight is Wat Si Chum, renowned for its massive seated Buddha statue, known as "Phra Achana," housed within a grand stone mandapa. This awe-inspiring image is one of the park's most photographed landmarks and a symbol of peace and wisdom. Other noteworthy sites include Wat Chana Songkhram, Wat Traphang Ngoen, and Wat Sri Sawai, each offering a unique perspective on the region's rich religious and cultural tapestry. As you wander through these historical treasures, you'll gain insight into Sukhothai's urban planning, which set the standard for future Thai cities. The complex irrigation systems, ancient roads, and well-organized city layout speak to the advanced ingenuity of its creators. As the sun dips below the horizon, casting golden hues over the ancient ruins, take a moment to

reflect on the day's journey. The combination of awe-inspiring history, artistic grandeur, and the serene simplicity of the surrounding countryside makes this experience truly unforgettable. Spend the night in Sukhothai, where modern comforts blend seamlessly with the charm of a bygone era, allowing you to relax and cherish the memories of your exploration.

DAY 05 Sukhothai - Phrae: Wat Pong Sunan Temple / Khum Wongburi Museum / Khum Chao Luang / Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Depart from Sukhothai province and set your sights on Phrae province, a gateway to the Lanna Kingdom, steeped in captivating history and brimming with attractions ranging from temples to natural wonders and museums. Upon arriving in Mueang Phrae District, begin your exploration with a visit to Wat Pong Sunan, a mesmerizing temple boasting an impressive golden reclining Buddha, located near an auspicious archway. Inside the ubosot, you'll find the revered Buddha image named "Phra Chao Saen Suk," an ancient artifact over 500 years old, enshrined within a pagoda containing the Lord Buddha's relics. A unique sight to behold is the "Phra That Chedi Wiharn Kaew," a white temple adorned with 108 pagodas, each enclosed in a plexiglas ball. Interestingly, when viewed through these balls, the pagodas appear beautifully inverted. The viharn houses a large Buddha image named "Phra Saraswadee Prathanpon" and features intricate murals depicting Buddha images in Phrae province and various zodiac years.

Next, venture to Khum Wong Buri or Ban Wong Buri, an iconic pink ancient Thai house aged over a century. Constructed in 1897 by Mae Chao Bua Tha, the first consort of Chao Luang Piriyaathepwong, the last ruler of Phrae, this impressive golden teak wood house showcases a splendid blend of Thai-Lanna and European architectural styles. The house's construction showcases traditional Thai craftsmanship, featuring wooden tongue inserts instead of nails. Khum Wong Buri's exquisite detailing includes wood stencil patterns that were popular during King Rama V's reign, adorning the gables, roof ridges, eaves, and various windows. The interior rooms, including Chao Mae Bua Tha's room, living room, and bedroom, are adorned with antique furniture, ancient weapons, and Buddha images from the Chiang Saen and U-Thong periods, as well as captivating old pictures recounting the house's history.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your historical journey with a visit to Khum Chao Luang, another century-old house steeped in Phrae's heritage. Built in 1892 by Chao Luang Piriyaathepwong, this two-story brick and mortar building showcases a graceful blend of Thai Lanna and European architectural influences. Supported by solid wood logs instead of piles, the building exudes elegance with its fretwork and intricately carved patterns. Inside, you'll find three rooms below the elevated structure used to store belongings, money, and treasures. The abundance of windows and doors, along with beautifully carved fretwork patterns, adds to the building's allure, showcasing the craftsmanship of renowned Chinese artisans from that era.

After the historical immersion, journey to Phae Mueang Phi, also known as Phae Mueang Phi Forest Park, a natural wonder formed by soil and sandstone erosion, resulting in beautifully lined-up, peculiar clay pillars. This captivating forest park was established on March 4, 1981, and spans over 100 rai, offering a geological feast for the eyes with its cliffs and intriguingly shaped formations. A nature trail awaits adventurous tourists, providing an opportunity to explore the park's geological features and appreciate its natural beauty. As the day draws to a close, bask in the tranquility of Phrae and spend the night, cherishing the unforgettable experiences and discoveries of this remarkable province.

DAY 06 Phrae - Chiang Rai: Kwan Phayao Lake / Wat Rong Khun Temple (White Temple) / Singha Park Farm / Wat Rong Suea Ten temple (Blue Temple) / Chiang Rai Night Bazaar (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a picturesque journey from Phrae Province to Chiang Rai Province, making captivating stops along the way to explore the region's natural beauty and cultural wonders. First, pay a visit to Kwan Phayao Lake in Muang Phayao District, Phayao Province. This crescent-shaped lake is surrounded by stunning mountain ranges, creating a serene and picturesque setting. As the largest freshwater lake in the north and the fourth largest in Thailand, it holds great significance as the primary freshwater fishing area of the upper northern region. Its waters are teeming with over fifty species of freshwater fish, making it a vital breeding ground for diverse aquatic life.

Next on your itinerary is the renowned Wat Rong Khun Temple, popularly known as the White Temple. This artistic marvel was envisioned and constructed by Professor Chalermchai Kositpipat, a highly acclaimed Thai artist. His masterpiece combines striking contemporary religious architecture with the rich influences of Lanna culture. The temple's pure white chapel resembles a heavenly castle, adorned with intricate stucco patterns embellished with glass and large wall paintings. As you approach the chapel via a bridge, you'll encounter sculptures depicting both heaven and hell, offering a thought-provoking exploration of religious precepts. The chapel's interior features a dazzling display of shiny silver mirror patterns, adding to the temple's ethereal beauty. Art galleries and exquisite sculptures further enhance the experience for visitors.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Continue your journey to the enchanting Singha Park Farm, an agricultural attraction owned by Boon Rawd Brewery. Spanning over 3,000 acres, this sprawling farm presents a captivating landscape of rolling hills, a vast lake, and meticulously maintained grounds. Visitors can explore more than 250 acres of lush green oolong tea plantations, where the verdant fields stretch as far as the eye can see. Beyond the tea plantations, Singha Park boasts various fruit kingdoms, showcasing an abundant variety of melons, strawberries, raspberries, giant gooseberries, and an array of other succulent fruits. Take a leisurely stroll through the vegetable and herb gardens, where you'll encounter a diverse selection of plants cultivated with care. Marvel at the blooming flower fields that burst with vibrant colors and fragrances, providing a feast

for the senses. Additionally, the park offers the unique opportunity to interact with African animals, including giraffes and zebras, amidst the lush greenery, making it an ideal destination for nature lovers and families.

As the day unfolds, make your way to Wat Rong Suea Ten, also known as the Blue Temple. This architecturally stunning temple, designed by Chiang Rai's renowned folk artist, Mr. Puttha Kabkaew, captivates visitors with its mesmerizing blue and gold color scheme. The temple's intricate details and ornate design elements create a visual spectacle that enchants all who visit. The vihara inside the temple showcases exquisite applied art, blending traditional Thai styles with modern artistic expressions to create a beautiful and harmonious atmosphere. Within the temple grounds, you'll find the enshrined place of Phra Buddha Ratchamongkol Bodi Tri Lokanath, which houses sacred relics on the head of the Buddha image. This serene and spiritually uplifting environment invites travelers to offer their prayers and respect, fostering a sense of peace and reverence.

Finally, conclude your day at the bustling Chiang Rai Night Bazaar, a vibrant shopping destination beloved by both locals and tourists. The night bazaar is a treasure trove of hill tribe handicrafts, clothing, accessories, and home furnishings, offering a wide array of unique and beautifully crafted items. As you wander through the market stalls, you'll be tempted by the diverse selection of food and beverages, from traditional Thai dishes to international delights. Immerse yourself in the lively ambiance, where the air is filled with the sounds of music and laughter. Enjoy cultural performances from various hill tribes, which showcase the rich heritage and traditions of the region. As the night falls, savor your time in Chiang Rai, cherishing the memories of the day's enriching encounters.

DAY 07 Chiang Rai Sightseeing: Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden / Mae Sai / Golden Triangle / Mekong River Cruise (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a captivating journey to the charming Mae Fah Luang District, where the enchanting Doi Tung Palace and Mae Fah Luang Garden await your visit. These popular attractions in Chiang Rai draw tourists from all corners of the globe throughout the year. At the heart of these destinations lies an exquisite array of flowers, meticulously arranged and ever-changing with the seasons. You are treated to a breathtaking sight at the Mae Fah Luang Garden, an ever-evolving tapestry of natural beauty that can be admired in all its splendor regardless of the time of year. Moreover, the Doi Tung Palace, an exquisite testament to Lanna-style art and architecture, adds to the allure of this must-see destination.

The journey continues to the northernmost district of Thailand, Mae Sai. Bordered by Myanmar's Tachilek province, the district boasts the Mae Sai River as a natural demarcation line, with a bridge seamlessly connecting the two cities. From the Thai side, you can catch a glimpse of Myanmar, and a visit to the renowned Mae Sai Market offers a unique experience. This bustling border market has a long-standing reputation and serves as the largest shopping district in northern Thailand. Here, an impressive variety of products can be found, from electrical appliances and local goods to herbs, wicker items, and delectable dry food, all offered at attractive prices.

Lunch at the restaurant.

The journey then takes an intriguing turn, inviting you to explore the historical significance of the Golden Triangle, situated in Sop Ruak Village, Chiang Saen District. The Mekong River gracefully divides the borders of Thailand and Laos, where it converges with the Ruak River, marking the boundary between Thailand and Myanmar. This vantage point affords a clear view of the Myanmar and Laos landscapes. The Golden Triangle's past reveals a fascinating history as it once served as a thriving opium cultivation area, famously known as the epicenter of the global opium trade, earning the moniker "Golden Triangle." Legends abound about the immense wealth generated from trading opium for raw gold, leading to this evocative title. Today, the opium trade has been relegated to history's pages, but the allure of the past remains. You can pay your respects at The Golden Triangle Buddha, an awe-inspiring bronze sculpture adorned with topaz, weighing a staggering 69 tons, with a span of 10 meters and a towering height of 15 meters. This magnificent Buddha was erected to replace its predecessor, which had been submerged in the Mekong River. Now, it stands majestically on the river's shore, a symbol of peace and reflection.

To appreciate the wonders of nature and embrace the local way of life, a cruise along the Mekong River presents an unforgettable opportunity. Originating from the Tibetan Plateau's icy embrace in northern Tibet and Qinghai county in China, the Mekong River traverses mountains and plateaus in China, meanders through the Lao People's Democratic Republic, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Thailand's "Golden Triangle" area in Chiang Saen District, Chiang Rai Province. The river acts as a natural boundary between Thailand and the Lao People's Democratic Republic, nourishing the livelihoods of the people residing along its banks while fostering economic and cultural connections. The Mekong River stretches an impressive 4,880 kilometers, culminating in the vastness of the South China Sea in Vietnam. After a day filled with exploration, immerse yourself in the charming ambiance of Chiang Rai, where you can spend another night, savoring the memories of an unforgettable adventure in this enchanting region.

DAY 08 Chiang Rai – Ban Tha Ton: Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple / Doi Mae Salong / Akha hill tribe Village / Roi Jai Rak Project / Wat Tha Ton Temple (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on an enriching journey to explore the cultural and natural wonders of Northern Thailand. Begin your day by visiting the awe-inspiring Wat Huay Pla Kang Temple in Chiang Rai. Perched on a small hill, the temple boasts a striking 9-storey, 12-sided chedi with an intriguing pointed shape adorned with Chinese and Lanna arts. The red roof is flanked by two dragon statues, leading to the chedi. Inside, marvel at the enshrined Goddess Guan Yin Bodhisattva, an impressive large sandalwood statue offering blessings and forgiveness. Moreover, the temple features a 69-meter-tall statue of Guan Yin Bodhisattva, resembling a 25-storey building. An elevator system allows tourists to ascend easily and enjoy panoramic views of Chiang Rai's picturesque landscapes.

Next, venture to the captivating region of Doi Mae Salong, a picturesque area famed for its cultivation of fine tea. The landscape is dominated by lush green terraced tea plantations that stretch across the hills, creating a serene and tranquil atmosphere that is perfect for visitors seeking a peaceful escape. The gentle curves of the plantations and the meticulous care with which the tea is grown reflect the deep connection between the land and its people. Doi Mae Salong is home to a community of Chinese Yunnan immigrants who settled in the area decades ago to escape the communist regime in China. Their influence is evident in the architecture and cultural practices of the scattered villages, which resemble traditional Chinese villages found in the southern regions of China. This unique blend of cultures adds to the charm and allure of Doi Mae Salong, making it a must-visit destination for those interested in both natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Explore the fascinating culture, traditions, and lifestyle of the Akha hill tribe, which resides in picturesque settings. Originating from southern China, the Akha people migrated to the north of Myanmar and later settled in various districts of Chiang Rai Province over the past century. They prefer to reside at higher altitudes, building thatched-roof houses with bamboo walls on mountain ridges. Agriculture, crop planting, and livestock form the basis of their economy, while household industries such as sewing, embroidery, and silverware making also contribute to their income. Admire the vibrantly colored dresses and hats adorned with eye-catching silverware and beads, showcasing the distinctive tribal dress of the Akha.

Continue your journey to Ban Huai San Village in Mae Ai District, where you'll discover the remarkable Roi Jai Rak Project. This initiative, managed by the Mae Fah Luang Foundation under the Royal Patronage of His Majesty the King, aims to uplift the hill tribe communities in the area by creating job opportunities and generating income. The project reflects a commitment to sustainable development and the empowerment of local communities. One of the highlights of Ban Huai San Village is Suan Roi Jai Rak, a beautiful garden plantation that features an array of winter flowers and meticulously maintained vegetable plots. Here, visitors can enjoy the vibrant colors and delicate fragrances of the flowers, as well as gain insights into the agricultural practices of the region. The garden is a testament to the dedication and hard work of the local people, who strive to create a harmonious balance between nature and human activity. Adjacent to the garden plantation is Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak, a bustling market where villagers bring their finest produce, fruits, flowers, and handicrafts to sell. This market is a vibrant hub of activity and an excellent place for tourists to interact with the local community and purchase unique, high-quality items. The market showcases the rich diversity of local produce and the craftsmanship of the hill tribe communities. Whether you're looking for fresh fruits, handmade crafts, or simply want to soak in the lively atmosphere, Kad Luang Roi Jai Rak offers a delightful experience that captures the essence of the region.

Continue your expedition to Ban Tha Ton Village, a charming border village adjacent to Myanmar in Mae Ai District, Chiang Mai Province. The village's picturesque setting boasts mountains and a meandering river, offering a cool and inviting atmosphere throughout the year. Embrace the rich cultural diversity and traditions of the multi-ethnic hill tribes residing in and around the village. Explore Wat Tha Ton temple, situated on the hillside, with its impressive nine-tiered base

housing sacred religious places on each peak. At the highest peak rests "Phra Borommathat Ratchamangkalachan Samanchan" or "Phra Chedi Kaew," offering breathtaking views of Ban Tha Ton village and the surrounding mountains. Spend a restful night in Ban Tha Ton Village, cherishing the memories of a day filled with cultural encounters and natural splendor.

DAY 09 Ban Tha Ton - Pai: Hinoki Land / Wat Ban Den Temple / Mork Fah Waterfall / Pong Dued Hot Spring / Pai Walking Street (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embark on a captivating journey to explore the unique attractions and natural wonders of Northern Thailand. Begin your day by visiting Hinoki Land, a fascinating Japanese architectural tourist attraction. Spread across an area of 33 acres, this enchanting land showcases Japanese art, culture, and architecture in a beautiful Japanese setting. As you enter, a large red lantern arch symbolizing "good luck" welcomes you, leading to a tunnel lined with 88 pairs of torii gates that guide you to the magnificent four-story Hinoki Castle, built from the noble and sacred hinoki pine wood. Inspired by Kyoto's Kinkakuji Castle, Hinoki Castle offers visitors a glimpse of Japanese splendor amidst the serene mountains and forests.

Next, visiting Wat Ban Den Temple, also known as Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen, will be a captivating experience enriched with cultural and architectural beauty. Located in Inthakin Sub-District, Mae Taeng District, the temple holds significant historical importance. The name "Sari Tree" comes from the Bodhi tree that graced the temple grounds, carrying auspicious meaning and influencing the temple's name. The location of the temple within the ancient city, Muang Kaen, has resulted in its full name being called "Wat Den Sari Sri Muang Kaen" by the villagers. Set amidst a breathtaking landscape, Wat Ban Den Temple stands gracefully on a hill. Upon arrival, you will be greeted by a vast area adorned with an array of exquisite buildings, each showcasing the remarkable Thai Lanna architecture. The temple complex includes the ubosot, the tripitaka hall, the drum tower, the Inthakin pole sanctuary, the Lanna cubicle golden teak, and the pagoda. Every structure is meticulously crafted, resembling works of art in literature, leaving you awestruck by their intricate details. Stepping into the enchanting world of Wat Ban Den Temple allows you to immerse yourself in the beauty of Thai Lanna architecture, appreciating the harmonious blend of cultural heritage and nature's splendor that surrounds this sacred place.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Immerse yourself in the breathtaking beauty of Mork Fah Waterfall, nestled within Doi Suthep-Pui National Park, located in the Sop Poeng Subdistrict of Mae Taeng District. This single-tiered waterfall, although not the largest, flows year-round, with streams cascading gracefully from the dense forest canopy down into the rocky cliffs below. As the morning sunlight filters through the trees, it creates a mesmerizing display of sparkling rainbows, adding an ethereal quality to the scene. Each season brings its own unique charm to Mork Fah Waterfall. During autumn, the surroundings take on a different hue, with the foliage transforming into a palette of warm colors. The rainy season elevates the waterfall's splendor, as the increased water flow rushes

with a thunderous roar, creating a misty backdrop that enhances the dramatic landscape.

Indulge in the therapeutic experience of Pong Dueat Hot Springs, a remarkable natural wonder in the same region. This large geyser-like hot spring regularly emits jets of steam, creating a soothing and invigorating atmosphere. The water temperature ranges from 90 to 200 degrees Celsius, producing a distinct sulfuric aroma that is characteristic of hot springs. The springs are surrounded by lush jungle, providing a serene setting for relaxation. You can also explore a 1.5-kilometer nature study route that winds through the area, featuring majestic trees, vibrant ferns, and delicate mosses. Informative signboards along the path offer insights into the diverse flora and fauna, making it an educational and enriching experience for nature enthusiasts.

Continue your journey to Pai District by traversing the historical World War II road, a route that offers breathtaking views of the majestic mountains through numerous sharp curves and bends. The scenic drive is a prelude to the charming town of Pai, where you can immerse yourself in the local lifestyle. The lively walking street is a hub of activity, lined with stalls selling handmade products, clothing, jewelry, and unique souvenirs. As you stroll through the market, you'll be tempted by an array of delectable dishes from both international and Thai cuisines. The walking street, open from 5 pm until midnight, is not only a shopping destination but also a cultural experience, where the vibrant atmosphere is enhanced by the sounds of live music and the warmth of friendly vendors. In Pai, you can savor the flavors of the region at various restaurants and food stalls, offering a diverse culinary experience. The night unfolds with the charm of this enchanting destination, where the blend of natural beauty and cultural richness creates an unforgettable experience. Whether you're exploring the markets, enjoying the scenic views, or indulging in local delicacies, Pai offers a perfect end to a day filled with enriching encounters and memorable adventures.

DAY 10 Pai Sightseeing: Santichon Chinese Village / Yun Lai Viewpoint / Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple / Memorial Bridge / Pai Canyon / Khokuso Bamboo Bridge (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Discovering Santichon village is an extraordinary journey that transports you to the preserved world of the Yunnan Chinese community, who settled here generations ago. The village exudes an authentic Yunnan Chinese ambiance, from its traditional houses to the quaint decorations that adorn the surroundings. Stepping into Santichon feels like stepping back in time, immersing oneself in the nostalgic charm of a bygone era. Just a stone's throw away from Santichon lies the Yun Lai viewpoint, a mesmerizing spot that unveils the picturesque landscape of Pai city. Enveloped by lush paddy fields and a rugged mountain range, the viewpoint offers a breathtaking panorama of Pai, with mist-kissed mountains providing a dreamlike backdrop during both winter and the rainy season. Witnessing the sunrise from this vantage point is an ethereal experience that etches itself into the memories of all who are fortunate enough to behold it.

Another captivating destination in Pai is the Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple, perched atop a lofty hill in Mae Yen village. From this elevated position, you are treated to awe-inspiring vistas of Pai city and its surrounding landscapes. Sunrise and sunset moments are especially magical, as the golden hues of the sun accentuate the majesty of the surrounding mountain ranges, casting a warm glow over the entire valley. The panoramic view from Wat Phra That Mae Yen Temple is nothing short of breathtaking, leaving a lasting impression on every visitor who ascends the hill to witness it. The tranquil atmosphere of the temple, combined with the natural beauty of its surroundings, makes it a perfect spot for meditation and reflection.

Continuing the exploration, you will encounter the Memorial Bridge, a historical relic from the Second World War. This bridge, initially utilized as a crucial transportation route for troops and supplies to Myanmar, now stands as a poignant reminder of Pai's storied past. Constructed during a time of conflict, the bridge has since become a symbol of resilience and history, inviting you to reflect on its significance and capture poignant photographs. The Memorial Bridge, with its rustic charm and historical value, provides a unique glimpse into the past, making it a must-visit site for history enthusiasts and casual visitors alike.

Lunch at the restaurant.

A visit to Pai Canyon, also known as Kong Lan, is an enchanting experience that unveils the marvels sculpted by nature's patient hand over countless years. This remarkable canyon has formed through a combination of soil subsidence and the relentless forces of wind and rain, giving rise to deep trenches that resemble magnificent cliffs. The terrain stretches over an area of more than 3 acres, with meandering ridge-like structures that present a truly captivating sight. Pai Canyon's surroundings boast a rich diversity of deciduous forests and an array of flora, further enhancing the allure of this one-of-a-kind attraction. Adventurous souls can trek along the narrow and steep trails that wind along the canyon's edges, treating themselves to breathtaking vistas of the lush forests and the deep chasms below. One of the highlights of Pai Canyon is the awe-inspiring view from its highest points. As you reach these elevated vantage points, you are rewarded with sweeping panoramas of quaint villages and farms nestled amidst the majestic mountains. The landscape presents a harmonious blend of nature and human habitation, showcasing the symbiotic relationship between the local community and the stunning environment. The rugged beauty of Pai Canyon, with its ever-changing colors and textures, creates an otherworldly atmosphere, making it a favorite spot for photographers seeking to capture nature's artwork. Strolling along the trails, you can bask in the tranquil ambiance and embrace the sense of wonder that permeates the area. The feeling of being surrounded by nature's grandeur and contemplating the forces that sculpted Pai Canyon is an enriching and unforgettable experience for all who venture here. As the sun gracefully sets over the canyon, casting a warm glow over the landscape, you can savor the enchantment of the moment and bid adieu to the day with hearts filled with gratitude for the breathtaking beauty you have encountered. Pai Canyon is a natural masterpiece that leaves an indelible mark on the souls of those who explore its magnificence.

The Merit Bridge, known locally as "Khokuso," exudes its own unique charm as a bridge of faith, lovingly constructed by the villagers. This winding bamboo bridge gracefully meanders through verdant rice fields, with the stunning mountains serving

as an exquisite backdrop, creating a scene of serene beauty. The bridge holds a special purpose, facilitating the daily alms rounds of the monks, and offers a convenient path for both tourists and villagers to traverse. This charming bridge provides a remarkable opportunity for visitors to participate in the local tradition of making merit, an act that brings about positive energy and good karma. As you walk along Khokuso, you can take in the splendor of the surrounding environment—lush forests, towering mountains, and the expansive rice fields that stretch out in all directions. Spending another night in Pai allows you to relish the peaceful ambiance and embrace the distinctive atmosphere of this captivating destination.

DAY 11 Pai – Mae Hong Son: Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint / Tham Lod Cave / Lahu Hill Tribe Village (Ban Jabo Village) (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Departing from Pai to Pang Mapha District, you will enjoy visiting Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint, a scenic spot nestled between Pang Mapha and Pai districts. This breathtaking vantage point offers a mesmerizing panorama that changes with the seasons and the time of day. In the early morning, witness the awe-inspiring sunrise as the first rays of sunlight illuminate the horizon. A sea of mist blankets the valleys below, creating a truly magical scene. As the day progresses, the fog gradually dissipates, revealing a stunning vista of intricately lined mountains stretching as far as the eye can see. In the evening, the setting sun casts a warm, golden glow on the distant clouds, painting the sky with vibrant hues. The interplay of light and shadow creates a breathtaking spectacle that is sure to leave you mesmerized. Beyond the stunning views, Doi Kiew Lom Viewpoint is also adorned with a variety of colorful flowers that bloom throughout the year. This natural beauty, combined with the panoramic vistas, makes it a must-visit destination for nature lovers and photographers alike.

Continuing the journey, you will arrive at Tham Lod Cave, one of the most significant archaeological sites in the region. The cave features a flowing stream known as "Lang" that traverses from one end to the other, creating a mesmerizing underground world adorned with stalactites and stalagmites. The cave's interior showcases a variety of early antique tools and utensils, believed to be over 2,000 years old, offering a glimpse into ancient human history and cultural practices. Besides admiring the cave's magnificent splendor, visitors have the opportunity to partake in other exciting activities, such as bamboo rafting inside the cave. The enchanting journey on the bamboo raft takes you through the dark waters, allowing you to appreciate the unique cave formations from a different perspective. Furthermore, short treks around the cave offer an opportunity to explore the surrounding natural beauty, embracing the tranquility of the lush landscapes that envelop the area.

Lunch at the restaurant.

After lunch, the journey continues to a Lahu hill tribe village. The Lahu people have ancestral origins in Tibet and have gradually migrated to different regions over time. They have settled in northern Thailand for hundreds of years, bringing with them their unique lifestyle and culture. The Lahu prefer to build their villages on high land and lead a simple and close-knit way of life. Agriculture, particularly rice farming and

corn planting, is their primary occupation, and they are skilled hunters as well. The Lahu people are known for their friendliness and warm hospitality, eagerly welcoming foreign tourists with open arms. This presents an excellent opportunity for you to immerse yourself in Lahu culture, learn about their customs and traditions, and witness their way of life firsthand. As the day comes to an end, you will retire for the night in Mae Hong Son, reflecting on the unforgettable experiences and cultural encounters you've had throughout the day. The journey has taken you through stunning natural landscapes, ancient caves, and encounters with vibrant local communities, leaving you with lasting memories of Northern Thailand's rich cultural heritage and picturesque scenery.

DAY 12 Mae Hong Son Sightseeing: Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu Temple / Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang Temples / Su Tong Pae Bamboo Bridge / Ban Ruam Thai (Pang Oung) / Ban Rak Thai village (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel

08:30 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Embarking on the next leg of the journey, you will visit Wat Phra That Doi Kong Mu temple, a significant and revered place of worship in Mae Hong Son. Situated on top of Kong Mu Mountain, the temple comprises two pagodas, one larger one constructed by Chong Thong Su a Shan merchant, in 1860 and the smaller one by Phraya Singhanatracha the first ruler of Mae Hong Son in 1874. The hilltop location offers panoramic views of the town surrounded by majestic mountains and lush valleys, creating a serene and awe-inspiring atmosphere. Continuing the exploration of local temples, you will arrive at Wat Chong Kham and Wat Chong Klang, two ancient temples located near a large swamp. These temples boast exquisite Burmese-style architecture and house the revered Buddha image called "Luang Paw To." Inside Wat Chong Klang, you will be captivated by the numerous Burmese wood carving dolls and intricate glass paintings depicting Buddhist history, adding to the spiritual and cultural significance of these temples.

Next, venture to the Su Tong Pe Bridge, Thailand's longest bamboo bridge. Stretching over 500 meters, it connects Suan Tham Phusama Temple with Kung Mai Sak village. This locally crafted bamboo marvel offers panoramic views of rice paddies and serene canals, reflecting the ingenuity of local artisans. The bridge is particularly enchanting during the rainy season when golden rice fields, lush greenery, and distant mountains create a breathtaking backdrop. Farmers working in the fields add a touch of rural charm, while the gentle sway of bamboo and rustling leaves create a tranquil ambiance. Each season brings its own beauty: earthy tones in the dry season and shimmering golden fields under clear skies in winter. No matter the time of year, the Su Tong Pe Bridge promises a unique and unforgettable experience.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Arriving at Baan Rak Thai village, you will be transported to a unique enclave with a rich history and cultural heritage. The village, settled by the "Kuomintang" or the 93rd Division of the Chinese Nationalist forces, is located near the border between Thailand and Myanmar. The Kuomintang soldiers evacuated from southern China during the revolution and rise of the communist regime, seeking refuge in this picturesque region. As you explore Baan Rak Thai, you will be captivated by the

stunning mountain scenery that surrounds the village, offering breathtaking panoramic views. The natural beauty of the landscape, with its lush greenery and majestic mountains, creates a serene and awe-inspiring atmosphere that leaves a lasting impression on visitors. One of the highlights of Baan Rak Thai is its beautiful lakes, which add to the village's charm and allure. The tranquil lakes create a calming environment that perfectly complements the surrounding mountains, offering you a sense of peace and tranquility. Amidst the village, you will encounter colorful shrubbery that adds a touch of vibrancy and beauty to the setting. The colorful blooms and well-maintained gardens create a picturesque scene, inviting you to take leisurely strolls and immerse yourself in the beauty of nature. Another notable attraction in Baan Rak Thai is the green tea farmland, carefully cultivated in rows that gracefully curve along the mountainside. The tea plantations not only add to the scenic beauty of the village but also serve as a source of pride and livelihood for the local community. You can witness the tea cultivation process and may even have the opportunity to taste the renowned Chinese tea, celebrated for its exceptional quality, making it a delightful experience for tea enthusiasts. Additionally, the village offers a gastronomic journey through Yunnan cuisine, allowing you to savor a delectable array of flavors. The unique blend of local ingredients and traditional Chinese recipes makes the dining experience in Baan Rak Thai truly memorable.

The exploration takes you to Baan Ruam Thai, also known as Pang Oung, a tranquil Shan village surrounded by rugged mountain ranges. This village boasts a spectacular landscape with a large lake, often referred to as the "Switzerland in Thailand." Surrounded by pine forests and colorful winter flowers, the area enjoys cool weather throughout the year. The picturesque sight of the pine forest hugging the spacious reservoir amidst the mountain range, with the fog floating above the lake, is simply mesmerizing. The serene and peaceful atmosphere, along with the beauty of the surrounding nature, makes Baan Ruam Thai an enchanting destination for travelers to cherish. As the sun sets, you will spend another night in Mae Hong Son, reflecting on the diverse cultural encounters, natural wonders, and breathtaking landscapes they have experienced throughout their journey.

DAY 13 Mae Hong Son – Chiang Mai: Doi Inthanon National Park / Royal Pagodas / Wachiratharn Waterfall / The Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon (Hotel / Breakfast / Lunch)

Breakfast at the hotel.

08:00 AM Pick up from the hotel.

Departing from Mae Hong Son, the journey to Doi Inthanon National Park takes you through a winding and scenic route, offering impressive views of the beautiful mountains. As you arrive at Doi Inthanon, you will be greeted by the highest peak in Thailand, rising to an altitude of 2,565 meters above sea level. Doi Inthanon is a part of the majestic Thanon Thongchai Mountain range, stretching from the Himalayas through various countries, including Nepal, Bhutan, and Myanmar. The diverse and abundant climate and forest in the area make it a nature lover's paradise. Within Doi Inthanon National Park, you will have the opportunity to experience different types of forests, including rain forests, pine forests, and mixed forests at various altitudes. The cool weather throughout the year, coupled with the breathtaking scenery and lush

forest, makes Doi Inthanon a sought-after destination for visitors from around the world.

One of the prominent attractions in Doi Inthanon is the Twin Royal Pagodas, Napamethanidol and Napapolpumisiri. These elegant pagodas were built to honor and pay homage to Phra Bat Somdet Phra Paraminthra Maha Bhumibol Adulyadej Rama IX during the auspicious celebration of His Majesty the King's 5th cycle birthday in 1987. Similarly, Phra Mahathat Naphaphonphumisiri was constructed as an offering to Her Majesty Queen Sirikit during the celebrations of Her Majesty the Queen's 5th cycle birthday in 1992. The pagodas are beautifully adorned with winter flower gardens and an array of plants. The location provides stunning panoramic views and is considered one of the most picturesque viewpoints in Chiang Mai.

Lunch at the restaurant.

Next, you will visit the majestic Wachirathan Waterfall, a magnificent and towering single-tiered cascade that boasts unparalleled beauty, earning its reputation as one of Thailand's most stunning waterfalls with a continuous flow of water throughout the year. As the water gracefully descends into the basin below, the waterfall stands tall at an impressive height of 70 meters, leaving spectators in awe of its grandeur. During the rainy season, a delightful natural phenomenon occurs as water droplets glisten in the sunlight, creating mesmerizing rainbows that grace the surroundings of Wachirathan Waterfall. This enchanting display adds an extra touch of wonder and allure to the already breathtaking sight, making this waterfall an even more captivating destination for nature enthusiasts and visitors seeking a true sense of awe-inspiring beauty.

At the Royal Agricultural Station Inthanon, you will be delighted by the vibrant flower plots showcasing a variety of colorful blooms, as well as the diverse assortment of vegetables and fruits. The research station focuses on winter plant cultivation, including flowers, ornamental plants, vegetables, fruits, and highland fisheries. The project not only contributes to agricultural research but also supports social development and forest watershed conservation while generating income for hill tribe farmers in the surrounding villages. After a day of exploring the natural beauty and cultural landmarks of Doi Inthanon National Park, travelers will retreat to Chiang Mai for a restful night. This journey promises to leave visitors with unforgettable memories of Thailand's stunning landscapes and rich cultural heritage.

DAY 14 Chiang Mai Departure / (Breakfast)

Breakfast at the hotel.

00:00 As your delightful holiday in Northern Thailand draws to a close, it is now time to bid farewell and head back home. We are pleased to provide travelers with transportation from your hotel to Chiang Mai Airport, where our services will come to an end.

Prices:

- 2 Persons 78,500 ฿
- 3 Persons 68,500 ฿
- 4 Persons 53,500 ฿
- 5 Persons up 51,500 ฿
- Price per person / In Thai baht / Private tour

Included:

- English Speaking Guide
- Travel Accident insurance
- Admission fees as tour mentioned
- Tour and transfer as private air-con vehicle
- Meals as mentioned in the program (13 Breakfasts / 12 Lunches)
- Accommodations as mentioned based on twin sharing (13 Nights)

Excluded:

- Air Fare
- Personal expenses
- Meals are not mentioned in the program

Tour Difficulty Levels:

- **Easy** / Moderate / Challenging

Hotels			
Date	City	Hotel Name	Room Type
Day 1-2	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe
Day 3	Lampang	Lampang River Lodge	Deluxe
Day 4	Sukhothai	Le Charme Sukhothai	Deluxe
Day 5	Phrae	Maeyom Palace Hotel	Deluxe
Day 6-7	Chiang Rai	Nak Nakara Hotel	Deluxe
Day 8	Ban Tha Ton	Maekok River Village Resort	Deluxe
Day 9-10	Pai	The Quarter Hotel	Deluxe
Day 11-12	Mae Hong Son	The Imperial Mae Hong Son Resort	Deluxe
Day 13	Chiang Mai	Duangtawan Hotel Chiang Mai	Deluxe

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Please inform us of the Northern Thailand tour package programs you are interested in, along with the date you would like to start the tour and the number of participants. If there are children participating, please provide the number of children and their ages. Additionally, specify the type of room you prefer and any other requirements you may have. Please also, provide the details of your flight to Chiang Mai, such as the name of the airline, flight number, arrival date and time, and departure date and time. If you are traveling by bus or another mode of transportation, please provide full details of the journey. This information will help us plan your itinerary perfectly and arrange transfers between airports, train stations, bus terminals, and hotels efficiently.